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The Elkhovo-Burgas Road

1. The Elkhovo-Burgas road was built between 1934 and 1938 and is in bad condition because it is not properly maintained. It is 98 to 100 kilometers long, about six meters wide, and has a gravel and sand surface about 25 to 30 centimeters thick. There are drainage ditches on both sides of the road, but they are clogged because they have not been cleaned recently.
2. In severe winters, the section between Golyamo Krushevo village and Grudovo (formerly Sredets) is closed for periods of 20 to 30 days.
3. Bridges are located along this road as follows:
 - a. About one kilometer east of Debrich village (N 42-10, E 27-40), a wooden bridge about 60 by 4 by 10 meters in size;
 - b. Over the Popovsko stream on the western outskirts of Bolyarovo village, a 2-pier concrete bridge 50-60 by 5 by 10 meters in size;
 - c. Three and one-half to four kilometers from Bolyarovo in the direction of Golyamo Krushevo, a single-pier concrete bridge 45-50 by 5 by 10 meters in size; local villagers insist that this bridge is mined; and
 - d. About 15 kilometers from Burgas at a place called "Avramov Gechit" (Avramov Pass), a single-pier concrete bridge 25-30 by 4-5 by 8-10 meters in size; this bridge has been damaged "several" times by floods of the Faklya River and was rebuilt for the last time in 1942-1943.

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4. Roads branching off from the Elkhovo-Burgas roads are as follows:
- a. A road to Popovo and Yambol branches off in Dobrich village;
 - b. A road to Malomirovo-Razdel-Golyam Derwent branches off about three kilometers southeast of Dobrich;
 - c. A road to Malko Sharkovo-Voden-Strandzha branches off at Marmarchevo village;
 - d. A road to Ruzhitsa-Vulchi Izvor-Gorska Polyana branches off six or seven kilometers west of Golyamo Krushevo;
 - e. A road to Stefan Karadzhovo-Kamen Vrukh-Yambol branches off five or six kilometers west of Golyamo Krushevo and one kilometer east of the road to Ruzhitsa-Vulchi Izvor-Gorska Polyana; this is an old stabilized road;
 - f. A road from Golyamo Krushevo to Stefan Karadzhovo; it is an old road, half unimproved, half rolled gravel;
 - g. The road to Fakiya-Mamina Tsirkva branches off about eight kilometers southwest of Panchovo;
 - h. A road connecting the Elkhovo-Burgas and Burgas-Malko Turnovo roads via Golyamo Bukovo village and an area called Bosna branches off about four kilometers southwest of Panchovo;
 - i. A road to Gospodarevo and a road to Belila-Bistrets branch off from Grudovo; and
 - j. A road to Yambol via Dyulevo and Zagortsi branches off about four kilometers north of Grudovo; this road was built in 1944 and 1947-1948; [redacted]
5. There is no direct road from Yambol to Malko Turnovo capable of carrying heavy loads.

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6. There is one service in each direction every day. The westbound and eastbound buses leave Burgas and Elkhovo respectively at 8:00 a.m. in summer and 9:00 a.m. in winter. In summer the westbound bus passes through Golyamo Krushevo between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and the eastbound bus passes through Golyamo Krushevo between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The buses belong to UAT (Upravlenie na Avtomobilni Transport; Administration of Automobile Transport) which has a branch office in Burgas.

Travel Control Burgas-Elkhovo

7. No document check is made between Elkhovo and Golyamo Krushevo. Document checks are made on eastbound and westbound trips at Grudovo by Militia and Border Guard officials. When the bus arrives in Grudovo the doors are kept shut until the arrival of these officials, who return the documents to the passengers immediately upon examining them. Border zone residents have to present only their Lichen Passports (Personal Papers); those from the interior must also present an Otkrit List (Travel Permit).

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Railroad Construction

8. The Naval Construction Division (Morska Stroitelna Sektsiya) of Burgas is currently constructing a railroad line between Burgas and Varna. Work was begun in 1951. The line is to pass through Dolno Ezerovo, Kosharitsa, and Obzor villages. Civilian laborers are engaged on the project.
9. There is a rumor that railroads are to be built from Burgas to Topolovgrad via Elkhovo and from Burgas to Malko Turnovo. Construction has not yet been started.

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1. Comments: probably referring to the Mandrenska River rather than the Faklya River.

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